

REMARKS:

Claims 1-12, 14, and 17-20 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 13, 15, and 16 remain pending.

The Examiner objected to the drawings as lacking the claimed screening members. Examining the beginning of the only remaining independent claim, claims 13, at least two screening members are recited. Claim 13 then further recites that at least one of these two screening members must be an existing wall, with the removable shelf being supported between the existing wall and one other screening member. Turning to Fig. 4, all of the recited elements of claim 13 are found as follows:

at least two screening members (32b and 34), wherein at least one of said at least two screening members is an existing wall (32b); and
at least one removable shelf (36), wherein the screening members and said at least one shelf are configured to enclose an area including said pump and wherein said at least one removable shelf is horizontally supported through frictional engagement with one of the at least two screening members (34) and said existing wall (32b).

Regarding the contention that "nowhere in the specification are the existing walls referred to as screening members, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the lines 19-20 of page 7 of the specification, which recite in relevant part "Because the invention can utilize existing screening members (e.g., walls, closets) and/or newly constructed screening members...." Lines 21-24 on page 7 then go on to describe the embodiment shown in Fig. 4. Accordingly, the drawings are believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.83 (a) because Fig. 4 depicts a shelf supported through frictional engagement with one screening member (34) and an existing wall (32b).

Claims 13, 15-17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. In response to the rejection of claim 13, lines 19-20 of page 7 of the specification state that either an existing wall or a newly added structure can be a "screening member" ("Because the invention can utilize existing screening members (e.g., walls, closets) and/or newly constructed screening members...."). This disclosure in conjunction with Fig. 4 and the description relating thereto clearly informs one of average skill in the art that the invention includes a shelf supported through frictional engagement with one screening member that is not an existing wall (34) and one screening member that is an existing wall (32b). Consequently, claim 13 and all claims depending therefrom are believed to be in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112. The remaining rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 are related to claims that have been cancelled without prejudice and are, therefore, not addressed.

Given the cancellation of claims 17 and 20 and the support in the specification for the drawings and all elements of claim 13 as noted the above, the applicant respectfully believes that all pending claims are now rendered allowable and asks that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of record.

No fee is believed to have been incurred. Should there be any unforeseen costs, please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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